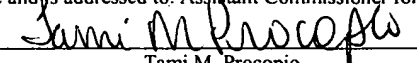


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the claims as follows.